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THE SITUATION IN CENTRAL AMERICA: PROCEDURES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FIRM AND LASTING PEACE AND PROGRESS IN FASHIONING A REGION OF PEACE, FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT

Colombia, Mexico, Norway, Spain, United States of America and Venezuela: draft resolution

United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala

The General Assembly,

Recalling it resolutions 51/198 B of 27 March 1997, in which it decided to authorize the renewal of the mandate of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala for one year, that is, until 31 March 1998, and 51/198 C of 31 July 1997, in which it encouraged the two parties and all sectors of Guatemalan society to join efforts for the implementation of the second phase of the Agreement on the Implementation, Compliance and Verification Timetable for the Peace Agreements,[1] until 31 December 1997,

Taking into account the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the seventh report on human rights of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala,[2]

[1] A/51/796-S/1997/114, annex I; see Official Records of the Security Council, Fifty-second Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1997, document S/1997/114.

[2] A/52/330.

Taking into account also the report of the Secretary-General relating to progress achieved by Central American countries in the areas of peace, freedom, democracy and development,[3]

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Mission[4] and the recommendations therein, which are aimed at improving its capacity to respond adequately to the demands of the verification process during the biennium 1998-1999,

Encouraged by the efforts of the parties and sectors of Guatemalan society in support of the peace agreements,

Acknowledging the support given to the Mission by the Government of Guatemala and the Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca,

Acknowledging also the support and improved coordination on the part of the international community for the programmes and projects deriving from the peace agreements,

Recalling the parties' request that the duration of the mandate of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala should be the same as that of the Implementation, Compliance and Verification Timetable for the Peace Agreements, namely, four years, from 1997 to 2000,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala;[4]

2. Welcomes the seventh report on human rights of the Mission;[2]

3. Welcomes also the report of the Secretary-General relating to progress achieved by Central American countries in the areas of peace, freedom, democracy and development;[3]

4. Calls upon the parties to continue to implement the commitments they entered into in the Comprehensive Agreement of Human Rights[5] and those in the other peace agreements, in particular, those contained in the second phase of the Implementation, Compliance and Verification Timetable for the Peace Agreements;

5. Urges the parties and all sectors of Guatemalan society to strengthen further the efforts towards consensus building, reconciliation and development, with particular attention to the most vulnerable sectors of society;

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[3] A/52/344.

[4] A/52/554.

[5] A/48/928-S/1994/448, annex I; see Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-ninth Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1994, document S/1994/448.

6. Decides, in accordance with the recommendations of the Secretary-General, and in order to provide for adequate administrative and financial planning of the Mission within the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999, to authorize the renewal of the mandate of the Mission within the proposed programme budget for the biennium and to authorize the renewal of the mandate of the Mission beyond 31 March 1998 until 31 December 1999, subject to regular progress reports on the implementation of the peace agreements;

7. Invites the international community to continue its support for peace-related activities in Guatemala, inter alia, through voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund for the Guatemala peace process established by the Secretary-General;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to keep the General Assembly fully informed of the implementation of the present resolution.

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COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE ECONOMIC COOPERATION ORGANIZATION

Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkey and Turkmenistan: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 48/2 of 13 October 1993, by which it granted observer status to the Economic Cooperation Organization,

Recalling also that the Charter of the United Nations provides for the existence of regional arrangements or agencies for dealing with such matters as maintenance of international peace and security as are appropriate for regional action, provided that their activities are consistent with the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Recalling further its resolution 51/21 of 27 November 1' , in which it urged the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to initiate, maintain and increase consultations and programmes with the Economic Cooperation Organization and its associated institutions in the attainment of their objectives,

Bearing in mind that the Treaty of Izmir, signed at Izmir, Turkey, on 12 March 1997, later revised at Ashgabat on 11 May 1977 and signed at Izmir on 14 September 1996, created a permanent body for intraregional cooperation, consultation and coordination in order to enhance economic, social and cultural development, and also the measures being taken by the Economic Cooperation Organization aimed at the reorganization and restructuring of the organization,

Convinced that the maintenance and further strengthening of the cooperation between the United Nations system and the Economic Cooperation Organization promote the implementation of the goals and principles of these organizations,

1. Takes note of the decision of the Heads of State and Government of the States members of the Economic Cooperation Organization welcoming the adoption of General Assembly resolution 51/21 on cooperation between the two organizations and endorsing the cooperative arrangements entered into by the Economic Cooperation Organization with various entities of the United Nations system for joint efforts towards the implementation of the economic projects and programmes of the Economic Cooperation Organization;

2. Notes with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General[1] on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 51/21, and invites the Secretary-General of the United Nations to continue his efforts, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the Economic Cooperation Organization, to promote and expand cooperation and coordination between the two secretariats in order to increase the capacity of the two organizations to attain their common objectives;

3. Notes with satisfaction the emphasis placed in the Ashgabat Declaration, issued by the Extraordinary Summit Meeting of the Heads of State and Government of the States members of the Economic Cooperation Organization, held at Ashgabat on 13 and 14 May 1997, on the meaningful development of economic cooperation in priority areas of transport and communications and energy with a view to facilitating the access of the landlocked States members of the Economic Cooperation Organization to world markets;

4. Welcomes the continuation of efforts towards further consolidation of interregional consultations and exchange of views on issues of common concern through such useful forums as the annual meeting of the executive heads of Asia's subregional organizations and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, which held its third meeting at Tehran in May 1997;

5. Urges the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to continue and increase consultation and cooperation with the Economic Cooperation Organization and its associated institutions in the attainment of their objectives;

6. Calls upon the relevant international financial institutions to give favourable consideration to regional developmental plans, including projects and programmes of the Economic Cooperation Organization, in order to extend their assistance in the implementation of these programmes and, in particular, to the establishment of a comprehensive transport and communications infrastructure in the region of the Economic Cooperation Organization that would provide the landlocked countries with greater mobility to promote interregional trade and to establish mutually beneficial economic and commercial interaction with other regions;

7. Invites the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, as the regional arm of the United Nations, to assume a more active role in promoting cooperation with the Economic Cooperation Organization, and reiterates in this regard its request made in paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution

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[1] A/52/313.

51/21 in the context of the report to be submitted by the Executive Secretary of the Commission to the Commission at its fifty-fourth session, in 1998;

8. Takes note with satisfaction that it is proposed to introduce the Advance Cargo Information System and the Automated System for Customs Data of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, which are compatible with other systems, in the States members of the Economic Cooperation Organization, with the technical assistance of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the United Nations Development Programme;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

10. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization".

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COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE ECONOMIC COOPERATION ORGANIZATION

Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkey and Turkmenistan: revised draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 48/2 of 13 October 1993, by which it granted observer status to the Economic Cooperation Organization,

Recalling also that the Charter of the United Nations provides for the existence of regional arrangements or agencies for dealing with such matters as maintenance of international peace and security as are appropriate for regional action, provided that their activities are consistent with the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Recalling further its resolution 51/21 of 27 November 1996, in which it urged the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to initiate, maintain and increase consultation and programmes with the Economic Cooperation Organization and its associated institutions in the attainment of their objectives,

Bearing in mind that the Treaty of Izmir, signed at Izmir, Turkey, on 12 March 1977, later revised at Ashgabat on 11 May 1996 and signed at Izmir on 14 September 1996, created a permanent body for intraregional cooperation, consultation and coordination in order to enhance economic, social and cultural development, and also the measures being taken by the Economic Cooperation Organization aimed at the reorganization and restructuring of the organization,

Convinced that the maintenance and further strengthening of the cooperation between the United Nations system and the Economic Cooperation Organization promote the implementation of the goals and principles of those organizations,

1. Takes note of the decision of the Heads of State and Government of the States members of the Economic Cooperation Organization welcoming the adoption of General Assembly resolution 51/21 on cooperation between the two organizations and endorsing the cooperative arrangements entered into by the Economic Cooperation Organization with various entities of the United Nations system for joint efforts towards the implementation of the economic projects and programmes of the Economic Cooperation Organization;

2. Notes with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General[1] on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 51/21, and invites the Secretary-General of the United Nations to continue his efforts, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the Economic Cooperation Organization, to promote and expand cooperation and coordination between the two secretariats in order to increase the capacity of the two organizations to attain their common objectives;

3. Notes with satisfaction the emphasis placed in the Ashgabat Declaration, issued by the Extraordinary Summit Meeting of the Heads of State and Government of the States members of the Economic Cooperation Organization, held at Ashgabat on 13 and 14 May 1997, on the meaningful development of economic cooperation in priority areas of transport and communications and energy with a view to facilitating the access of the landlocked States members of the Economic Cooperation Organization to world markets;

4. Welcomes the continuation of efforts towards further consolidation of interregional consultations and exchange of views on issues of common concern through such useful forums as the annual meeting of the executive heads of Asia's subregional organizations and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, which held its third meeting at Tehran in May 1997;

5. Urges the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to continue and increase consultation and cooperation with the Economic Cooperation Organization and its associated institutions in the attainment of their objectives;

6. Invites the relevant international financial institutions to give appropriate consideration to regional developmental plans, including projects and programmes of the Economic Cooperation Organization, in order to extend their assistance in the implementation of these programmes and, in particular, to the establishment of a comprehensive transport and communications infrastructure in the region of the Economic Cooperation Organization that would provide the landlocked countries with greater mobility to promote interregional trade and to establish mutually beneficial economic and commercial interaction with other regions;

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[1] A/52/313.

7. Invites the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, as the regional arm of the United Nations, to assume a more active role in promoting cooperation with the Economic Cooperation Organization, and reiterates in this regard its request made in paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 51/21 in the context of the report to be submitted by the Executive Secretary of the Commission to the Commission at its fifty-fourth session, in 1998;

8. Takes note with satisfaction that it is proposed to introduce the Advance Cargo Information System and the Automated System for Customs Data of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, which are compatible with other systems, in the States members of the Economic Cooperation Organization, with the technical assistance of, inter alia, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

10. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled 'Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization'.